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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <i>(Only for new non-provisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>		Attorney Docket No.	4179-126
		First Inventor	Tilak Shah
		Title	PRESS-FLAT CENTRIFUGE TUBE AND SPECIMEN COLLECTION ASSEMBLY COMPRISING SAME
<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> <i>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</i>		ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents Box PATENT APPLICATION Washington, DC 20231	

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 16]
  - Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  11 Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 1]
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
    - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  paper
  - c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

<b>ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS</b>		
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney
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Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attorney Docket No.	4179-126

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FEE CALCULATION						
1. BASIC FILING FEE						
Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description		
1001	740	2001	375	Utility filing fee		
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee		
1003	510	2003	255	Plant filing fee		
1004	740	2004	370	Reissue filing fee		
1205	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee		
				Fee Paid	375.00	
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$)		375.00
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES						
Total Claims	20	-20 =	0	Extra Claims	Fee from Below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	3	-3 =	0	x	0	= 0
Multiple Dependent				x	0	= 0
Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20		
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3		
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent		
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification		
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination		
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		
1252	400	2252	200	Extension for reply within second month		
1253	920	2253	460	Extension for reply within third month		
1254	1,440	2254	720	Extension for reply within fourth month		
1255	1,960	2255	980	Extension for reply within fifth month		
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal		
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing		
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
1452	110	1452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
1453	1,280	2453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional		
1501	1,280	2501	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
1502	460	2502	230	Design issue fee		
1503	620	2503	310	Plant issue fee		
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner		
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)		
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		40.00
1809	740	2809	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))		
1810	740	2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))		
1801	740	2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application		
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